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1.(SBU) In response to reftel talking points delivered by Economic Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of Division for UN-OAS issues Ambassador Michelle Cohen said on March 7 that the Dominican Republic has not made a decision regarding who it will support as chair of the OAS Social Charter Working Group. Talking points were conveyed to Ambassador Cohen's office earlier, but she was away and unavailable to comment until March 7. Cohen would not say whether the Dominicans will favor the chair being selected by consensus as is customary or will support a vote.  
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